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SUBJECT: CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING: SECGEN'S PROPOSALS REGARDING
GUARANTEE AGAINST INDIRECT AGGRESSION

REF: STATE 81283

1. CENTO SECGEN BAYULKEN HAS SENT US AN 18-PAGE "TALKING
PAPER" WHICH CONTAINS WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE PROPOSAL THAT
HE MENTIONED DURING HIS RECENT VISITS TO LONDON AND
WASHINGTON (REFTEL).

2. THE FIRST 15 PAGES OF THE PAPER PRESENT IN SOME DETAIL
THE ARGUMENT THAT CENTO DOES HAVE A MANDATE TO RESIST INDIRECT
SOVIET AGGRESSION, THAT THE U.S. ON PAST OCCASIONS HAS
ENDORSED THIS INTERPRETATION OF CENTO'S MANDATE, AND THAT
IT IS MUCH MORE LIKELY THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD SUPPORT A
THIRD PARTY AGAINST A REGIONAL COUNTRY THAN THAT IT WOULD
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STAGE AN OPEN, DIRECT ATTACK. THE PAPER THEN PROCEEDS TO
MAKE THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL:

A. IF A CENTO REGIONAL MEMBER IS THE VICTIM OF
ARMED AGGRESSION BY A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE USSR, THE
REGIONAL MEMBER WILL APPLY TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WHERE
A SOVIET VETO PROBABLY WOULD PREVENT EFFECTIVE ACTION.

B. THE REGIONAL COUNTRY WOULD THEN ASK THE UN
GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR HELP AND COULD EXPECT THAT THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY WOULD CHARGE THE ATTACKING COUNTRY WITH ARMED
AGGRESSION AND DEMAND THAT IT DESIST.

C. IF THE AGGRESSION NONETHELESS PERSISTS, THE
NON-REGIONAL CENTO PARTNERS (I.E., THE U.S. AND U.K.)
WOULD APPLY TO THEIR LEGISLATURES FOR AUTHORIZATION TO HELP
THE VICTIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE
UN CHARTER.

D. AN UNDERSTANDING CONFIRMING SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD
BE REGISTERED IN WRITING WITHIN THE CENTO MINISTERIAL
COUNCIL.

3. COMMENT: THIS PROPOSAL, CONCERNING WHICH EMBASSY HAS OBVIOUS
RESERVATIONS, WAS TRANSMITTED TO AMBASSADOR WITH COVERING LETTER DATE
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MAY 9 REQUESTING THAT IT BE TRANSMITTED TO MEMBER GOVTS "FOR THEIR
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